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1063. Product Storage Tank Residues and Hazardous Waste Regulations	ENCORE	MAR 6, 2014
1064. Spent Lead-Acid Batteries and Accumulation Time Limits		MAR 13, 2014
1065. Land Disposal Restrictions and Dates of Accumulation		MAR 23, 2014
1066. Universal Waste Accumulation Time Limits and the One Year Rule		MAR 29, 2014
1067. PCB Manifest Discrepancy Reports and Estimated Waste Weights		APR 6, 2014
1068. PCB Wastes, Independent Transporters and Confirmation of Receipt		APR 10, 2014
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1070. Other Paint Wastes and the Applicability of the F001-F005 Listings	ENCORE	APR 24, 2014
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1073. Purpose of Keeping a Hazardous Waste Container Closed	ENCORE	MAY 15, 2014
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1076. Transporter Signatures on Hazardous Waste Manifest and Multiple Drivers		JUN 5, 2014
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TWO MINUTE TRAINING

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SUBJECT: CERCLA HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES – THE PETROLEUM EXCLUSION

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2014

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TWO MINUTE TRAINING

SUBJECT: CERCLA Hazardous Substances – The Petroleum Exclusion

Q: So in last week's Two Minute Training (2MT) we learned that the definition of CERCLA hazardous substances was oh so broad. Since petroleum is one of the most widely used substances in the world, is it a CERCLA hazardous substance and if it is or is not, why?

A: Per 40 CFR 300.5, "Definitions" and within the definition of "Hazardous Substance":

"The term [hazardous substance] does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance in the first sentence of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas)."

A review of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liabilities Act (CERCLA), Section 101(14) which defines "hazardous substance", revealed very similar wording:

"The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas)."

Therefore, based on the definition of hazardous substance in the regulations and the act, petroleum is not a hazardous substance.

As for why it is not a hazardous substance, an [EPA Memorandum dated July 31, 1987](#) stated:

"Although the term 'hazardous substance' is defined by statute, there is no CERCLA definition of 'petroleum' and very little direct legislative history explaining the purpose or intended scope of this exclusion. None of the four early Superfund bills originally excluded responses to oil, although the apparent precursor to Section 101(14), found in S. 1480, excluded 'petroleum' without explanation in all versions except that introduced. The legislative debates on the final compromise indicate only that Congress intended to enact later, separate Superfund-type legislation to cover 'oil spills.'"

So the reasons for the excluding petroleum from the definition of hazardous substance are not apparent.

SUMMARY:

- The term "hazardous substance" is defined at 40 CFR 300.5 and in the CERCLA Act at Section 101(14).
- Petroleum is specifically excluded from the definition of hazardous substance.
- The reasons for the exclusion are not apparent.

Nothing is attached to the email. If you have any questions, contact me at Paul_W_Martin@rl.gov" or (509) 376-6620.

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